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HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,
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June 28 1880.

My Dear Min

When there is a woman in ^{the case}
All these things of course find place.

So let me first congratulate
you on your marriage —
the news of which you ^{drop} on
us, of a sudden. — ^{tho.} it
seems your marriage began
in April. And, let me tell
you marrying is not a solus
^{tho.} it may be a solace.
Two people are always con-
cerned in it. You have
mentioned the name of one
party, John Min, but you
say not a word about the ^{other}
tho. Now who is she?
My wife & I wish to include
her in the congratulations which
we here with, most heartily,
tender to you.

Next, I ask you for the

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Satisfactory specimen of the
Alaskan Cypress. Cupressus
nutkaensis.

And I can tell you that
the apparently interminable
Part. & Brit. is about to be
finished. I saw Mr. Wat-
son to-day polishing off the
last sheets of the copy of
the Index. He is going to
Idaho. So as soon as he
gets the copy all in - in 2
or 3 days - and much he
needs the change. Prof.
Whitney is to see to the
bringing out of the volume,
and to the printing parts -
into of a new ed. of vol.
I.

I understand
however, that the two volumes
are to be also printed on
smaller & thinner paper, as
one stout & portable volume,
which I think will be
most handy and useful.

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Forrest, Perry
Engelmann are on the
way to San Francisco
& thence to Brit. Columbia.
Your interesting account
of the forest of Alaska
will tempt them to go
on northward.

Look for the trio at
the Palace Hotel, N.Y.
by the time you get
there.

Oreos aquilina in
Alaska grows much as
it does in England &
Scotland.

And now, repeating
best wishes for yourself &
Mrs. Minn. I am
Very sincerely Yours

Asa Gray